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A GENERAL STATE

OF THE

WHITEHAVEN DISPENSARY,

For the Year 1783.

IN recommending this charitable inſtitution to the patronage of the opulent, a variety of arguments, founded upon the principles of Chriſtian benevolence and the feelings of humanity, were neceſſarily employed: the teſtimony of experience has ſince been obtained, deciſively

to prove its utility. The great numbers of miſerable objects, labouring under the complicated evils of POVERTY and PAIN, who have been either entirely cured or conſiderably relieved from their complaints, proclaim its trueſt praiſe: and, at the ſame time, ſuggeſt the moſt perſuaſive motives to animate all who are bleſſed with the ability, to feed and repleniſh the fountain from whence theſe ſalutary ſtreams diffuſively flow. To the loweſt claſs of laborious, infirm, and aged people, who ſolely, and with difficulty, acquire the frugal neceſſaries of life, the aids of MEDICINE and SURGERY are alſo liberally diſpenſed. Theſe have now an aſylum from all thoſe calamities to which ſickneſs, in their contracted circumſtances, renders them exceedingly liable.——The paſt ſeaſon, from its remarkable and permanent ſeverity, has very much increaſed the number of applications to this charity; the benevolent eſtabliſhers of which, may indulge the grateful ſatisfaction of having perfectly obviated not a few of thoſe diſtreſſes, to which the indigent and induſtrious were conſequently expoſed.

The principal, regiſtered diſeaſes will properly ſuggeſt a few, brief obſervations. With regard to their nature and tendency, more minute information may be received at the Diſpenſary; where the caſes and their modes of treatment are particularized: and the whole, with their reſpective events, ſyſtematically arranged.

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The firſt objects of this charity were thoſe who had laboured under the various and poignant ſufferings of long protracted diſeaſe, the ſymptoms of which could only admit a temporary mitigation. In the autumnal months of September, October, and November, a nervous fever, diſtinguiſhed by very powerful characters, took place in Charles-ſtreet; extending its malignancy to the adjacent, moſt confined ſituations. To the uſual medical attentions was added an eſpecial regard to the regimen of the patients; cleanlineſs and pure air being ſtrictly enjoined, and every precaution taken to prevent the communication of diſeaſe. The neceſſitous ſick were alſo ſupplied with requiſite quantities of wine, and occaſionally recommended to public or private charities. Twenty-ſix of theſe caſes were then admitted, and happily they all recovered. During the winter a numerous train of pectoral and inflammatory diſorders (to which this climate and ſeaſon are peculiarly liable) very urgently obtained; eſpecially catarrhs, conſumptions, with more acute rheumatic and pleuritic affections. In the beginning of October the ſmall-pox became epidemical, and has continued ſo theſe laſt eight months. Of the patients who ſuffered the natural infection (in all three hundred and twenty) ſeventy-three died, and ſixty-nine with difficulty recovered from a ſtate of remarkable confluency and danger. The hooping cough has lately very mildly and partially

prevailed;

prevailed ; requiring, for the moſt part, ſcarce any medical aſſiſtance. To the influence of this ſalutary ſeaſon will the cure of the preſent, and prevention of the future diſeaſe be chiefly remitted. The only other contagion of any moment was that of dyſentery ; which has, at different periods of the preceding year, repeatedly and violently occurred. In the contracted habitations of the indigent, where many of the eſſential neceſſaries, and all the conveniences of life, were frequently wanting, its baneful progreſs and effects became not leſs extenſive than potent. Forty-nine of theſe patients have been already admitted : thirty-one were diſmiſſed, cured : and the remaining eighteen ſtill continue upon the Books. Relative to the ſurgical caſes, in which the aids of art were more obviouſly and certainly uſeful, upwards of two hundred perſons have experienced the benefits of this inſtitution.

The influence of this charity, ſince its eſtabliſhment, has been gradually and conſiderably extended. Regardful of our maritime ſituation, and the dangers to which we are inevitably expoſed, it was deemed eligible to form a connection with the London Humane Society, and very generally to diſtribute its judicious inſtructions; procuring at the ſame time a complete apparatus for the recovery of perſons apparently drowned. The modes of treatment beſt adapted to reſtore ſuch deplorable objects will be now univerſally known,

and the intelligent of every profeſſion are earneſtly requeſted to occaſionally put them in immediate and vigorous execution.

The practice of general inoculation was next very ſtrenuouſly recommended, and the advantages deducible from it, publicly announced; the poor were, however, ſo remarkably averſe to the propoſal, that thirty children could only be permitted to comply with it; not an individual of which required the leaſt medical attention.

Several additional ſubſcriptions and augmentations for the enſuing year, have been already received, and it is ardently hoped that the more general contributions of the public will afford the pleaſing opportunity of perfectly accompliſhing the benevolent intentions of this charity.

An ACCOUNT *of the* PATIENTS *admitted, from* June 30, 1783, *to* June 14, 1784.

Recommended and regiſtered - - -	1467
Trivial caſes - - - -	433
Children prepared for the ſmall-pox - -	157
	2057

The STATE *of the* REGISTER.

Cured - - - - -	1089
Relieved - - - - -	36
Incurable - - - - -	7
Irregular - - - - -	5
Dead * - - - - -	110
Remaining upon the books - - -	220
	1467

Of the above, 1021 were attended at their own habitations.

* Many of theſe patients became the victims of chronic affections; and ſeventy-three ſuffered a very confluent ſpecies of ſmall pox.

DISEASES.

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Intermittent fever	9
Inflammatory fever	55
Nervous fever	27
Hectic fever	4
Worm fever	84
External inflammation	25
Inflammation of the eyes	27
Inflammation of the brain	1
Inflammatory sore throat	12
Inflammation of the lungs	51
Inflammation of the bowels	1
Acute rheumatism	16
Chronic rheumatism	29
Erysipelas	8
Inflammatory eruptions	15
Natural small-pox	320
Inoculated small pox	30
Miliary fever	2
Hœmorrhages	17
Consumption	37
Abortion	1
Catarrh	35
Catarrh of old age	7
Dysentery	49
Head ach, and vertigo	32
Palsy	6
Fainting	3
Stomach complaints	46
Flatulency	42
Carried forward	991

Brought over	991
Convulsions	4
Epilepsy	9
Asthma	29
Hooping cough	24
Colic	47
Diarrhœa	25
Hysteria	4
Melancholy	2
Chronic weakness	22
Dropsy	15
Rickets	5
Scrophula	20
Lues venerea	7
Jaundice	4
Dimness of sight	8
Deafness	2
Gravel	13
Aneurism	1
Schirrus	2
Cancer	4
Rupture	2
Scald head	9
White swelling	2
Scorbutic eruptions	98
Luxations, fractures & sprains	18
Ulcers and abscesses	42
Contusions, wounds & burns	58
Total	1467

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BENEFACTIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

BENEFACTORS.

	£.	s.	d.
The Right Hon. the Earl of Lonſdale	100	0	0
George Bigland, Eſq.	10	10	0
£.	110	10	0

SUBSCRIBERS.

A			
James Atkinſon	0	10	6
William Alexander	0	5	0
Benjamin Antrobus	0	5	0
B			
W. Brownrigg, M. D. F. R. S.	2	2	0
Anthony Benn, Eſq. Henſingham	2	2	0
John Barns	1	1	0
John Bateman	1	1	0
John Beck	1	1	0
Joſeph Bragg	1	1	0
Henry Barns	0	10	6
Iſaac Barras, & Co.	0	10	6
Robert Blakeney	0	10	6
Wilfrid Blaicklin	0	10	6
Henry Bragg	0	10	6
Darcy Bowes	0	10	6
John Bowneſs	0	10	6
Carried forward £.	13	2	0

Brought over £.	13	2	0
John Bragg	0	5	0
Iſaac Bragg	0	5	0
C			
John Chriſtian, Eſq. Workington-Hall	5	5	0
Rev. C C. Church	1	1	0
Rev. John Colquhoun	1	1	0
Walter Chambre	0	10	6
Robert Carter	0	5	0
James Corkhill	0	2	6
Hugh Corkhill	0	2	6
D			
John Dixon, Eſq.	2	2	0
J. L. Deſvillers	1	1	0
Joſhua Dixon, M. D.	1	1	0
Peter Dixon	1	1	0
John Douglas	0	10	6
John Dowſon	0	10	6
John Dunn	0	5	0
F			
L. W. Fletcher, Eſq. Hutton-Hall	2	2	0
Robert Fiſher	1	11	6
R. Fletcher, merchant	1	11	6
Henry Fletcher, ditto	1	11	6
Robert Ferguſon	1	1	0
Thomas Fiſher	1	1	0
R. Fletcher, mercer	1	1	0
Henry Fletcher	0	10	6
Carried forward £.	39	0	6

Brought over £.	39	0	6
Mrs. Jane Fletcher	0	10	6
Stephen Fariſh	0	5	0
Mrs. Barbara Fletcher	0	5	0
G			
Peter Gale	1	1	0
John Gibſon	1	1	0
Benjamin Gilliat	0	10	6
Mrs. Greybourn	0	5	0
H			
Rev. Wilfrid Hudleſton	2	2	0
Joſeph Hoſkins, Eſq.	2	2	0
John Hodgſon	2	2	0
John Hartley, Eſq.	1	1	0
Thomas Hartley, Eſq.	1	1	0
John Hamilton, Surgeon	1	1	0
Joſeph Harris, ditto	1	1	0
P. J. Heywood, Eſq.	1	1	0
James Hogarth	1	1	0
George Hall	0	10	6
Thomas Harriſon	0	10	6
William Harriſon	0	10	6
Thomas Horne	0	10	6
James Hall	0	5	0
John Hudleſton	0	5	0
J			
Edward & John Johnſton	1	1	0
W. Jackſon, Keſwick	1	1	0
K			
Rev. James Kirkpatrick	1	1	0
Thomas Kirkpatrick	0	5	0
Carried forward £.	61	10	6

Brought over £.	61	10	6
Robert Key	0	5	0
Miſs Kelſick	0	5	0
L			
Iſaac Littledale	2	2	0
Henry Littledale	2	2	0
Thomas Lutwidge, Eſq.	1	1	0
John Lancaſter	0	10	6
James Lowes	0	10	6
M			
Robert Miller	0	10	6
George Miller	0	10	6
John M'Bride	0	5	0
John Moore	0	5	0
N			
Rev. Henry Nicholſon	1	1	0
P			
Samuel Potter	1	11	6
John Parker	1	1	0
John Peele, Surgeon	1	1	0
John Piper	1	1	0
Peter Pearſon	0	10	6
Joſeph Piper	0	10	6
William Perry	0	5	0
William Phillipſon	0	5	0
John Pirrie	0	5	0
R			
Chriſtopher Robinſon	0	10	6
John Rumney	0	10	6
John Richardſon	0	5	0
John Robſon	0	3	0
Carried forward £.	78	18	0

Brought over	£. 78	18	0
S			
Joſeph Senhouſe, Eſq.	2	2	0
Alexander Spittal	1	1	0
George Stalker	1	1	0
Rev. James Sedgwick,	0	10	6
Robert Sanderſon	0	10	6
Miſs Senhouſe	0	10	6
John Shepherd	0	2	6
John Storey	0	2	6
T			
John Tate	1	1	0
Francis Telfair	0	5	0
John Thompſon	0	5	0
U			
George Vickers	0	10	6
Oliver Uſſinſon	0	2	6
W			
R. Wordſworth, Eſq.	1	1	0
John Walker	1	1	0
John Wilſon	1	1	0
Mark Wylie	1	1	0
Mrs. Wybergh	1	1	0
J Ware & Son	1	1	0
Joſeph Wilſon	0	10	6
John White	0	5	0
Nathaniel Wilſon	0	5	0
James Witherington	0	5	0
Y			
Peter How Younger	1	1	0
Total Subſcriptions	£. 95	15	0
Total Benefactions	£. 110	10	0
	£. 206	5	0

DISBURSEMENTS.

Drugs and medicines	34	3	8
Fixtures and furniture	13	7	0
Printing and ſtationaries	7	9	0
Joiners and Painters work	5	18	4
Coals, candles, wine, phials, and ſundry ſmall articles	11	9	6
Houſe rent	7	10	0
Apothecary's ſalary	30	0	0
Pocket inſtruments	3	1	6
	£. 112	19	0

Total Benefactions	110	10	0
Total Subſcriptions	95	15	0
	£. 206	5	0
Diſburſements	112	19	0
Balance in Treaſurer's Hands	£. 93	6	0

A Short ABSTRACT *from the* RULES.

The peculiar objects of this charity are the ſick and lame poor, who can derive no benefit from any other ſimilar inſtitution. Domeſtic ſervants and apprentices muſt by no means become Diſpenſary patients.

The perſons coming accurately under the above deſcription are to be admitted by a letter of recommendation, ſigned by a ſubſcriber, and addreſſed to the medical officers of the Diſpenſary. In caſe, however, of accidents, or very urgent affections, where delay may be attended with dangerous conſequences, proper objects will receive aſſiſtance, upon application, without a letter of recommendation.

That proper objects, when affected with trivial diſeaſes, receive the benefits of this charity without any recommendation.

That governors and qualified ſubſcribers be intitled to recommend an unlimited number of patients, ſuffering epidemical diſeaſes.

That the governors and qualified ſubſcribers, be intitled to recommend a double number of patients, to the benefits of this charity.

That the ſick poor reſiding in the country, are only to be recommended by the governors and qualified ſubſcribers, of their reſpective pariſhes.

OFFICERS

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PRESIDENT.

The Right Honourable the Earl of Lonſdale.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

John Chriſtian, Eſquire.——Anthony Benn, Eſquire.——
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TREASURER.

Mr. John Gibſon.

SECRETARY.

Mr. Peter How Younger.

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Mr. John Bateman.——Mr. Henry Littledale.—
Rev. C. C. Church.—Thomas Hartley, Eſq.
——Mr. Peter Gale.——

MEDICAL COMMITTEE.

Joſhua Dixon, M. D.——Mr. John Hamilton, Surgeon.—
Mr. Joſeph Harris, Surgeon.—Mr. Joſeph Bragg, Ditto.
——Mr. Mark Wylie, Druggiſt.——

PHYSICIAN.

Joſhua Dixon, M. D.

SURGEON.

Mr. John Hamilton.

APOTHECARY.

Mr. William Robinſon.

*** Subſcriptions *are taken in at the* TREASURER'S, WARE'S PRINTING OFFICE, *and at the* DISPENSARY.